



## CITY OF LODI COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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**AGENDA TITLE:** Peace Officer Memorial Month

**MEETING DATE:** May 7, 2008

**PREPARED BY:** David J. Main, Chief of Police

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Proclaim the Month of May, 2008, to be known as Peace Officer Memorial Month throughout the City of Lodi.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The Lodi Police Department requests that the Council make this proclamation in keeping with such tributes at the state and national level. This year, the week of May 11 through May 17 is designated National Police Week, while May 9th is the date of the California Peace Officer Memorial Ceremony. These ceremonies are held annually to honor the memory of over 18,200 law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty throughout the United States. Of the 181 line of duty deaths in 2007, California's **loss** was nine (9) officers.

Members of the Lodi Police Department, led by its Honor Guard, will hold a ceremony early the morning of May 7th at the gravesite of Officer Rick Cromwell (5/7/63 – 12/9/98), the only Lodi Police Officer ever killed in the line of duty. The group will then participate in the Stockton Police Officers Association's Memorial Services honoring fallen law enforcement officers from throughout San Joaquin County. On Friday, May 9th the Lodi Police Honor Guard will participate in the California Peace Officers' Memorial Enrollment Ceremony in Sacramento.

An inscription at the California State Memorial reads: "Go, stranger, and tell the (people) that we lie here in obedience to their laws." We urge the City Council to join in this message, honoring our fallen Peace Officers.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None

**FUNDING AVAILABLE:** N/A



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**APPROVED:**



Blair King, City Manager